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LOCAL NOTICES.

Rev. Pusey,
and second Rev. Father Kenrick, of Philadelphia, will preach in the Cathedral this morning at half-past 10 o'clock. Evening meeting at usual hour. Everybody cordially invited.

Country Merchants
Save money every day by purchasing their goods at McClurkan & McKennan's Dress Goods Warehouse, corner Diamond, near Fifth avenue.

Welcome the Paper Kite.
The new comic and
Keystone Bee Office
is now in this city.

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For chapped hands and face. Whitens in a jiffy. No. 1 Commonwealth House. Sold by druggists generally.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1868.

As Thanksgiving Day will be observed by all connected with this establishment, we will suspend work.

The report from Washington now is that the arrangements for settling the Reconstruction question are in excellent shape. The fears heretofore entertained by the friends of Washington's administration have been disappointed by the cabinet. As to the President elect, we believe he will be entitled to the honors of peace.

We congratulate Democratic Editors [illegible] the following notice to all Whom it may concern:

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If all men of influence will make this their rule, they will not only place General Grant under the most sacred obligations to them, but do a great deal to help him to get the right men in the right places.

In the case of British discontent and the British press the Chinese Burlingame Mission has of late given very much in favor, and in the place of the abuse and ridicule to which the members of the Mission, and Mr. Burlingame especially, were first treated, we have now nothing but kind words and a patronizing air. The thing appears to be a trifle overdone, and the speech of Lord Stanley subsequently praising Mr. Burlingame is giving rise to the suspicion that what almost could not be accomplished will be attempted through flattery.

The Erie imbroglio having been removed from Wall street, somewhat, affairs are going on smoothly again. The experience of the past month has demonstrated the power of Wall street scoundrels—and the less scrupulous because more rich and more unanimous—to disturb the affairs of the whole, bring innocent men to ruin, and produce alarm everywhere. From their depredations there is as much need of protection as from any other lawless and dangerous class, and we trust that recent experience in this respect will not have been in vain.

Where we referred to the civil law as the most solemn for obtaining remedy from Congress is referred to more at length in the following from the Springfield (Mass.) Republican:

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The "interests involved" are represented by the managers of the Pennsylvania Central, Mr. Duncan of the Union Pacific, Mr. Ames, contractor on the same, and others of that road, who have kindly consented to assist the new combination. We have not seen it stated how many hundred millions they have made in the work which is drawing to completion, nor how many millions more they with their new association will make if the new scheme works.

The belief is expressed that Secretary Evans will never be tried. The delay in his case is a scandal to the nation, and has had a baneful influence by proving to his confederates that act as bare as ever will, no punishment awaits them. The opinion prevails extensively among the Southern leaders that the Government will never dare to visit personal punishment on them; they therefore hold the laws in perfect contempt. It is in this way that permanent injury arises to the whole country. Late as it is, it is not too late to try and confirm under the laws at least one leader for the crime of treason. As the very least, let the question be decided whether or not the right to secede does inhere with our Republican system. On this point let the highest court render a decision. It has already been decided on a hundred battlefields. The highest court should ratify the decision, and nothing could be more fitting than to have it done by passing sentence on Jefferson Davis after he has been tried and found guilty of treason. The formalities of his life would not add the weight of a straw to the decision, and the pardoning power might be appropriately suggested to permit him to die a natural death.

OFFENSIVE DOGMATISM.

Heretofore the American press has somehow managed to extol and exalt its influence without the aid of those adjuncts common to the press of some foreign countries—censors. We may add that, the probabilities are that it will manage to maintain its present position in spite of any decision whatever. This view of the matter does not seem to be entertained by certain divines who insinuated a distrust of the course pursued by the *Independent* about eighteen months ago, and who, upon obtaining a pledge from Mr. Bowles, its publisher, to the effect that that journal would arrange in future the position of a champion of orthodox faith, wrote out, in a legible hand, a fruitless certificate vouching for its orthodoxy. These same divines now publicly announce their dissatisfaction with the views advanced in the *Independent*, and declare their former certificate null and void. The language in which this is done is such as to reflect credit upon the parties directly interested, not only in a strictly conventional view, but as men occupying a novel and somewhat insecure footing. Without displacing either sentiment or ill will, or indulging in personalities, these clergymen, seven in number, have recently taken the trouble to inflict Messrs. Tilton, Jameson and Bowen, editors and publisher of the *Independent*, for conducting that paper in a manner entirely consistent with its title. In their opinion, Mr. Tilton is "an earnest and consistent anti-slavery man, as a politician true to the cause of human rights, as a reformer courageous, positive, humble and brilliant, a poet of much promise, a successful orator, a genial companion, but"—. Just how we may say, one would think Mr. Tilton not a bad sort of man to manage an "*Independent*," moral and religious journal. Still there is a "but" in the way. He on his in the fact that he is a "thoughtless and indiscriminating journalist." We have heard something similar to this before. Every one who is acquainted with Mr. Tilton's character has heard it. These seven divines, who are personally acquainted with him, know precisely the sort of man they gave their certificate of "evangelism" to. In the matter, then, they are condemning Mr. Tilton for precisely the same thing they have been guilty of themselves. They assert that he has never "given the public occasion to suspect the existence in his mind of any defined system, or any well considered convictions." This is rather sweeping. But, like Bascom, Mr. Tilton has never tied himself down to a creed. On the contrary, he has managed to live outside of creeds, and he has been immensely successful in his occupation. In a word, Mr. Tilton believed he would have no theology, dogmatism in his paper. However, the seven divines whose judgment seems to have been at fault in inducing the orthodoxy of such a man, express themselves thankful that, during an entire year, Mr. Tilton "only let off a half dozen rockets, more or less, into the camp of his evangelical friends, which is abundant reason for congratulation on their part, and calculus rare self restraint on his. The senile effusc of the *Independent* will doubtless survive the censorship imposed on him. Certainly with so many columns at his disposal, he will be able to hold his own in the moral dungeon, especially since he throws varieties are confined to a single column, and that at their services only occasionally. Meantime a few numbers will be withdrawn from the *Independent* and given to the *Mission Journal*—probably many more—will take their place. There are plenty of people who will desire the general's humble position to give their support to the *Independent* if for no other reason, because of the attempt to make it less terrible. We have had no fear that a non-sectarian from a supporter of the principles of the *Independent* but they are known

OUR THANKSGIVING.

In giving thanks to-day, it will be well to consider what we should be thankful for. Where there is so much to be thankful for, we should not be forgetful of the habit of blessings simply because they are common.

We should be thankful for the prosperity of our country since the war.

In the history of nations will we find nothing at all similar to the history of the past eight years, which embraced one of the greatest wars the world ever witnessed, but which, instead of being succeeded by want, misery or a total disarrangement of our social system, industrial pursuits, commercial and monetary affairs, have been followed by prosperity and plenty.

We should be thankful for the election of the man who was foremost in defending the Government to the highest position in the gift of the people, thus meeting, as far as human foresight can, the contingencies of the prosperity which has attended the efforts of all loyal men. Without a doubt, we should be thankful for the election of General Grant "*and after*," to borrow a phrase from Punnera.

And while we are about it, we must not forget to be thankful for the emptiness in the groaning mails by the General in his stead—at refusal to reply to, or in any manner acknowledge the begging applications of would-be office holders.

We should be thankful that the present system of counting only needy, impecunious, impudent, incompetent and unscrupulous men, simply because they have aligned the use of other purposes, fails to see its disgrace with the termination of the present Administration.

There is much, very much to be thankful for in the prospect opening before us in this respect.

When merit, integrity, personal worth united to a capacity equal to the demands which will be made upon them, are valued at their real value, to the damage of the people! We venture who are always relating their valuable services and the neglect they are compelled to endure, we shall have more to be thankful for than we can express in a single thanksgiving day, much less in a short article like this.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY ASSESSMENTS.

We have repeatedly called attention to our shameful underestimations for assessment purposes in this county. We have referred to collect exercises of Pittsburgh compared with her sister cities, East and West, on account of this shameful estimation of land, common sense and common people. We have shown the difference between the assessed valuation

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Nov. 25, 1868.

Discounts were lighter for most of the time of the week. There is not a heavy demand for loans, which may not arise from any diminution in the sums of insurance losses, but sometimes of late from an adjusting of affairs to a more unsettled condition of the money market. Even if this should be the case, money is now a more needed loaning item in our money market all sorts more favorably to its owners for a few weeks, but may further lessen the rates of the fancy, as much as appears to be accommodated for by those requiring heavy accommodations from the loan market.

The stock and bond market during the greater portion of the day was lower and dull, but stocks rallied sharply in the afternoon, and closed at a decided advance. Gold, after declining to 134¼, rallied to 135¼, and closed at 135¼@135¾. The following gentlemen constitute the committee of arrangements:

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The following table, made up from the returns received by J. W. Kennedy's stock brokerage, 64 Fifth avenue, shows the prices of Railway stocks, bonds, &c., at the various sessions of the New York Board during the week:

	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
U. S. Coupon				
U. S. Registered				
Hudson River				
Erie				
Erie Preferred				
Michigan Central				
Michigan Southern				
Illinois Central				
Cleveland and Pittsburgh				
Cleveland and Toledo				
Chicago and Rock Island				
Chicago and Northwestern				
Chicago and Northwestern Preferred				
Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne				
Ohio and Mississippi				
Ohio and Mississippi Certificates				
Pacific Mail				
Quicksilver				
Quicksilver Preferred				
Canton Company				
Cumberland Coal				
New York Central				
Boston, Hartford and Erie				
Atlantic and Great Western				
Atlantic and Great Western Preferred				
Western Union Telegraph				
Adams Express				
United States Express				
Wells, Fargo & Co.				
Canada Southern				
Cumberland Preferred				

—The annual business report of the Bank of New York over into Saturday's issue of the Herald, but it is understood that new combinations are forming. Gould, Drew and Vanderbilt are said to have joined hands, and are planning a campaign against the Erie Directors. A correspondent at New York, who professes to have a knowledge of the workings and purposes of the Wall street gamblers, is startled when questioned, sometimes, and "some time ago Vanderbilt united Drew, Gould and others to join in securing the Erie and New Jersey Central roads, and thus control all through lines to the West. Drew's partnership through fear that Vanderbilt would eventually throw him out of the combination. The plans of the campaign were magnificent, and included an engagement with one of the steam lines to Europe, to leave it out in connection with one of the railway lines. Disastrous fire was to be set with fragrant, and a time when quarantine was proposed to Boston and Philadelphia. It is now understood that the combination of Drew and Vanderbilt will be ahead of the purchase of Erie stock in connection with English capitalists. The next corner in Wall street, if it comes, will be in Rock Island, Erie, strongly, the terrible increase in debt is causing more dissatisfaction in the minds of the capitalists that a new fuel is born every day, the stock gamblers could now exchange at fair or old balances are likely to investing.

—The government market was strong and active throughout the day, partly in consequence of a large home demand and partly on account of a large inquiry from the Island of Cuba, where, on account of the unsettled state of political affairs, our national securities, and particularly the registered bonds, have suddenly become favorites. The home demand was largely augmented by a "covering" on the part of "shorts," who had sold during the late crisis. There is a considerable disposition to invest in the new 5 per cents, while the feeling prevails that appreciation should have succeeded the election of General Grant, but was interrupted by the stringency of the money market, is now at hand. Now that the speculation on this account has ceased to be a ground for, it is discounted long before election. There is, again, a large speculative interest created by the report, which is pretty well authenticated, that Mr. McCulloch, in a letter to Mr. Van Dyck, has made during the past week or two, and more fire. Were not the contrary of the term of office of the Secretary of the Treasury, and the power to loan certain moneys, and the Treasury Office, and it may be that Mr. McCulloch is not a party to the loan, but he is a party to the loan, and he is a party to the loan, and he is a party to the loan, and

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CITY MATTERS.

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Self-Oiler.

Steel Works.

Steam Pumps.

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Stoves and Grates.

Stoves and Tinware.

Tinners' Stock.

Vinegar.

Druggists.